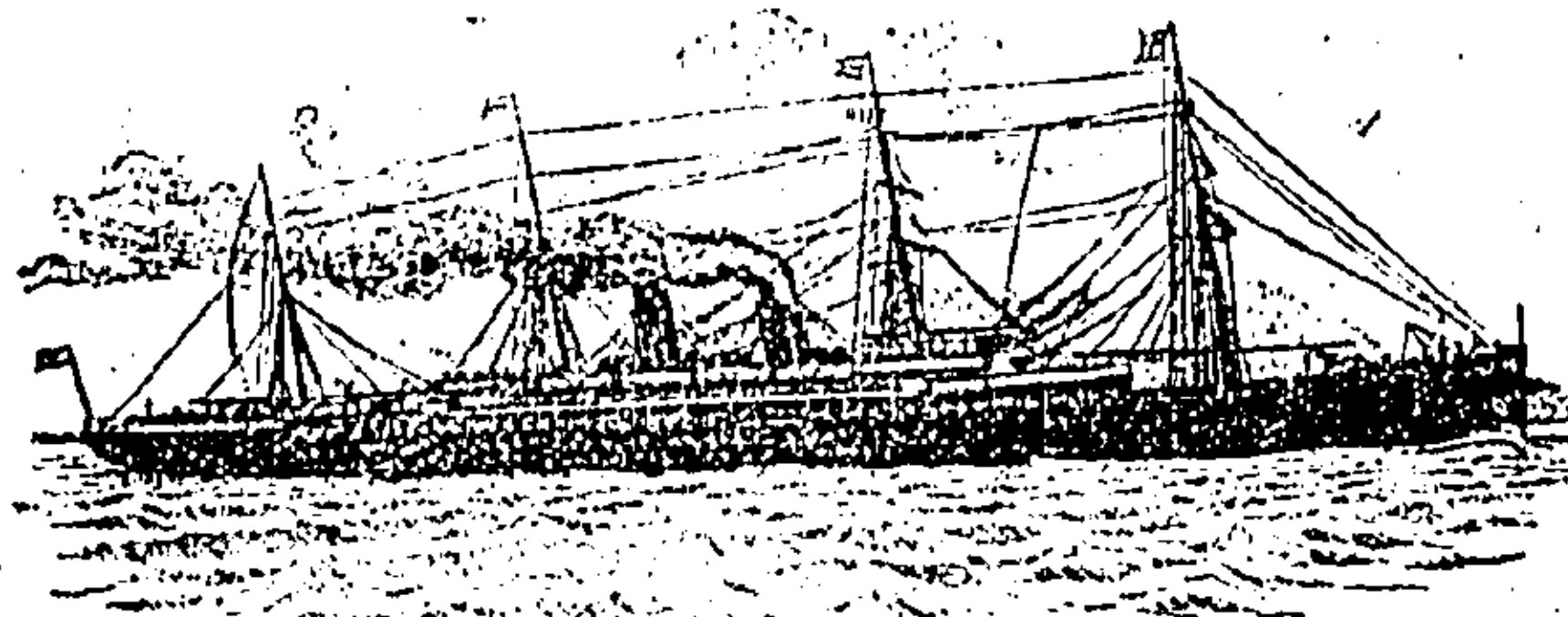


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"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 15th July.	
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 22nd July.	
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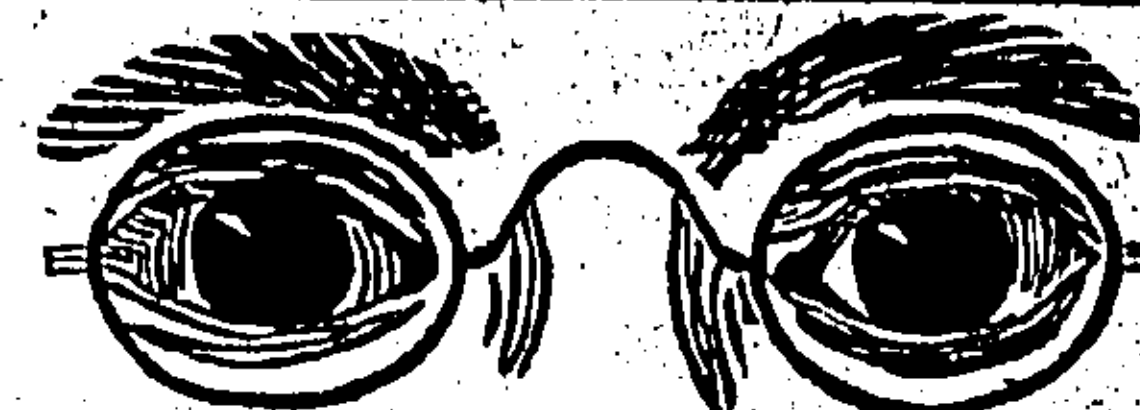
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THE C.P.R. PURCHASE.

Upon the recent announcement of the purchase by the C. P. R. of the Elder-Dempster line of Atlantic packets, the *Liverpool Journal of Commerce*, published an exhaustive account of the history that has marked the development of the colossal Beaver interests under the able management of Sir Alfred Jones. It will be extremely interesting for many to learn that only in 1898, when the Elder-Dempsters took over the vessels, then known as the Beaver line, there were only three steamers with a combined tonnage of not much over 12,000 tons.

The whole system has grown out of the sailing fleet owned by the Canada Sailing Company of Montreal. After conducting the business for some years with five ships, it was decided to branch out into steam. In or about 1875 the first steamer (*Lake Champlain*) was put on the service, followed immediately by the *Lake Nepigon* and the *Lake Megantic*. These vessels were about 2,500 tons register, then considered large ships. Others followed, and a regular service was maintained for years, until the company went into liquidation in 1894. The ships became known as the "Lake" boats, from the name; also as the "Beaver" line because of the house flag, whose characteristic is the animal of that name. In 1895 Messrs. D. and C. MacIver were appointed managers of the fleet, under the title of the "Beaver Line." The fleet consisted of the *Lake Superior*, *Lake Ontario*, *Lake Huron*, *Lake Erie*, *Lake Michigan*, and *Lake St. Clair*. The *Winipeg* was sold, and in order to secure the mail contract Messrs. MacIver purchased the *Canadier* *Gallia* and put her in the service, at the same time augmenting the fleet with the Australian liner *Tongarra*. These two latter ships, together with the *Runehe*, were owned or chartered by the managers (Messrs. D. and C. MacIver) under the name of the Beaver Line Associated Steamers, Limited, and ran with the others. In December, 1898, the Canada Shipping Company, at Montreal, sold the concern, "lock, stock, and barrel," to Messrs. Elder Dempster and Co., which firm was then very extensively engaged in the Canadian trade. The fleet, as indicated, consisted then of but three steamers—not, of course, including Beaver Line Associated steamers to engage in the trade. The Canadian mail contract was again secured, and retained for some time.

Although Messrs. Elder, Dempster developed the trade in a very remarkable manner, beating all records as to cargo carrying for several years, it was not considered expedient to launch forth into costly fast passenger steamers for the trade owing to the uncertainty that has for years prevailed in the Ottawa Government. This factor has acted detrimentally to the development of the direct Canadian fast passenger service, for a very high speed service has been talked of for years and those in the trade have been hanging back in order to be ready to enter the lists for a properly subsidized line, and in order not to have expensive ships made obsolete by the demands for a 20-knot service, which might at any time have been sprung upon them. But if the first-class passenger service were neglected in a measure by Messrs. Elder, Dempster and Co., the same cannot be said of the third-class, for the bookings of the line in that direction have been exceptionally heavy during the seasons. In the matter of cargo, however, the greatest possible facilities have been offered by the firm, and it will be remembered that Sir Alfred Jones pointed out some two or three years since that he had made it possible for shippers to have their merchandise carried in his ships at the rate of a seventh of a penny per ton per mile—a matter of which any man might well be proud. The immense increase in the Canadian trade since Messrs. Elder, Dempster devoted their energies to it has been most remarkable, and the firm has reaped the benefit of its enterprise and of the natural expansion of British North America. Other shipping lines also have played a prominent part in the building up of Canada, and the name of the great Dominion cannot be considered without them—notably the Allan Line.

Sir Alfred Jones has, however, worked desperately hard in behalf of Canada, and the country owes him a deep debt of gratitude. What it means in one direction alone is indicated by the fact that when his firm bought the Canada Shipping Company (Beaver Line) there were only obsolete steamers of something like 12,000 tons, whereas he disposes of the line after a matter of four years, having a fleet of 14 large steamers aggregating a hundred thousand tons. This great and successful enterprise is then what the C. P. R. is purchasing, and it is a truly magnificent endowment, and one the company has every reason to be well satisfied with and to be right in its attitude. There is an established business—a fleet of modern steamships, with everything in working order. No occasion exists for the establishment of a new service, with its problematical results, the cutting of rates, losses through ignorance, heavy initial expenses, and other charges which prevent expansion in many directions. The railway company is to be congratulated upon its acquisition, and it is to be hoped for the purchasers' sake, that the management will remain in the hands of the firm that built up the business, at least for some time to come. It is stated that eventually separate offices will be taken for the line under its altered conditions, but as yet no definite announcement can be made.

It is improbable that Messrs. Elder, Dempster will be engaged independently in the Canadian trade. When relieved of all responsibility of the present branch of the business, which includes sailings from Liverpool, London and Avonmouth, it is a matter for conjecture as to what direction Sir Alfred Jones will then throw his surplus energies. As for the C. P. R., it has secured a business of immense proportions and of colossal potentialities, for which the backing of a great railway's resources, and the advantages such a line possesses in influencing business, together with the rapid advancement of the country, the future promises to be whatever the company might desire to make it.

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ARMY ESTIMATES FOR HONGKONG.

The following are the details of the Army Estimates for 1903-4 for Hongkong and Weihaiwei so far as they appear on the face of the Estimates (the figures within parentheses are the votes for last year):—

Establishment—Artillery, Garrison: Three companies, 736 of all ranks. Engineers: One company, 13 officers, 195 men. Infantry: One battalion, 1,012 of all ranks. Army Service Corps: 5 officers, 6 men. Royal Army Medical Corps: 11 officers, 44 men. Colonial and Native Indian Corps: 44 companies of Infantry, four of Local Artillery, one of Local Engineers; 5,689 of all ranks. Army Ordnance Department: 71 Army Ordnance Corps. 62; Army Pay Corps, 8. Total of all ranks 7,768.

General Staff—Hongkong: Major-General, £3 a day; deputy assistant adjutant-general, £1 15; deputy assistant quartermaster-general, £1 15; aide-de-camp 15s.; total pay, £2,141. Temporary and acting staff, £15; servant allowance, £120; table money, £246; garrison and staff sergeant, £108; civilian and pensioner clerk, £18. Total of General Staff, £2,648—Weihaiwei: Staff Captain, 15s. a day, £274 Temporary and acting staff, £10; servant allowance, £13. Total of General Staff, £297.

Appropriation in Aid.—£75,400 (£78,000). Approximate Annual Cost of Clothing per Man—Hongkong and Singapore Battalion Royal Artillery: Sergeant, £4 19s. 10d.; rank and file, £3 18s. 4d.; recruits, £7 10s. 3d. China Expeditionary Force—Pay, £90,000 (£90,000). Medical Services £5,000 (no amount given for last year). Transport and remounts, £70,000 (no amount given for last year). Supplies, £50,000 (£60,000). Clothing, £10,000 (no amount given for last year). Supply and repair of warlike and other stores, £20,000 (no amount given for last year).

Chinese Regiment—European: Fifteen officers, £5,646; sergeant-major, quartermaster-sergeant, and orderly-room sergeant, and colour-sergeants, seven, £1,152. Chinese: Sergeants nine, £102; buglers, eight, £72; corporals, privates, interpreters, 505, £4,141. And for lance ranks, &c., and for a clerk, £84. Total, £5,554. Deduct for stoppages, day forfeited, &c., £300; leaving £5,254. Total, £11,000.

Hongkong and Singapore Royal Artillery.—Four companies at Hongkong, consisting of eight officers and 455 men; and two companies at Singapore, consisting of four officers and 241 men. The pay of the officers is £552, with £65 for additional pay; and that of the men, £5,185, with £3,208 for additional pay, making £9,710. Deductions, £410; leaving £9,300.

Royal Engineers.—A company of 50 at Singapore, one of 70 at Hongkong, and one of 50 at Ceylon, £1,648. Deductions, £48; leaving £1,599.

Chaplain's Department.—Hongkong and Weihaiwei: Chaplain, £411; servant allowance, £21; chapel clerks, orderlies, &c., £30 officiating clergy and allowance for contingencies, £330; payment for buildings for divine service, £42. Total, £834.

Army Pay Department.—Hongkong: Chief Paymaster, £640; Staff Paymaster, £457; Paymaster, £183; servant allowance, £43; civilian and pensioner subordinate £20; postage and contingencies, £28. Total, £1,371.

Weihaiwei: Extra duty pay to officers acting as paymasters, £91; postage and contingencies, £10. Total, £101.

Medical Establishment.—Hongkong and Weihaiwei: Colonel, £730; nine lieutenant-colonels and officers of lower ranks, £3,370; quartermaster, £200; servant and mess allowance, £230. Total pay of Medical Officers, £4,530. Postage and contingencies, £19; nursing service, £280; allowance for board, washing, and clothing, £510; nurses in women's hospital, £164 regional hospital orderlies and miscellaneous labour, £650; corps pay and extra duty pay, £450.

Army Ordnance Department.—Hongkong: Clerks, writers, and other subordinates continuously employed, 160, £4,654; temporary labour, £2,101. Total, £6,755 (£7,540).

Works, Buildings, and Repairs.—Commandant's house at Peking: Total estimate for work, £3,500; amount to be voted, £3,300.

Transport, Provisions, &c.—Hongkong and China: Land and inland water transport, £3,000; provisions and separation allowance, £51,100; forage, paillassa, stable and straw allowance, £3,600; fuel and light, £7,000; field allowance, £300; rents, £2,300; water, £1,100; lodging allowance, £6,000; Colonial allowances, £3,100; advertisements, £30; barracks services, £1,000. Total, £75,630. Appropriations in aid, £400.

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Hongkong, 2nd October, 1902. [11164]

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TERMS:—As usual.

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [4740]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from C. EVANS, Esq., to Sell by

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on

THURSDAY, the 23rd April, 1903,

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On View from WEDNESDAY, 22nd April.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

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Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [4790]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from A. CUNNINGHAM, Esq., to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

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MONDAY, the 27th April, 1903,

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Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [4800]

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Hongkong, 17th April, 1903. [4890]

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1903. [3090]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have resigned the AGENCY of the ATLAS ASSURANCE COMPANY, LD., from This Date.

Claims will be settled and Policies endorsed by us until further Notice.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1903. [4970]

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the ORIENT INSURANCE COMPANY for Hongkong and the South of China from This Date.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1903. [4980]

NOTICE.

MR. FEIZULLABHOY ESSABHOY EBRAHIM will leave this Colony shortly, and the Business will be carried on by Mr. ESSOOFALLY SOOLEMANJEE who is authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong from This Date.

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Hongkong, 17th April, 1903. [4970]

NOTICE.

THE Partnership formerly existing between Messrs. DORABEE NOWROJEE, I. P. MADAR, and WILLIAM FARMER in connection with the businesses of the NEW VICTORIA and KING EDWARD HOTELS, Hongkong, and the VICTORIA HOTEL, Shanghai, Canton, has been dissolved by mutual consent as from the 31st day of December, 1902.

MR. WILLIAM FARMER as from such date entirely takes over and becomes responsible for the business of the VICTORIA HOTEL, Shanghai, Canton, Messrs. DORABEE NOWROJEE and I. P. MADAR as from such date entirely take over and become responsible for the businesses of the NEW VICTORIA and KING EDWARD HOTELS, Hongkong.

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KASUGA MARU H. Fraser	{ NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKO- HAMA	{ WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, at Noon.
SADO MARU S. J. G. Parsons	{ KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	{ FRIDAY, 24th April, at Daylight.
YAWATA MARU A. E. Moses	{ SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE	{ FRIDAY, 24th April, at 4 P.M.
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TELEPHONE, 212.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [355e]THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.On the 13th April, at No. 3, Makalao Tel-
race, Shanghai, the wife of C. J. L. STEWART,
of a son.

DEATHS.

At 11, Ward Road, Shanghai, on the 15th of
April, 1903, EDWIN WALTER TATLOCK, infant
son of Thomas and Clara Tatlock, aged 9
months.At 17, Quinsan Road, Shanghai, on the 15th
of April, 1903, at 2 to 4 a.m., F. F. CARLSON, aged
56 years and six months. D. reply regretted.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1903.

THE STOWAWAY QUESTION.

We have frequently alluded to the unsatis-
factory state of legislation connected with
the perpetration of frauds on owners and
charterers of ships by stowaways, and their
aiders and abettors, and in July last, dealt at
some length with the many strange points
which had been brought to the notice of the
public when the magistrate inquired into the
Kaifong case. In that instance, it may be
remembered, no less than 134 stowaways
were found concealed on the vessel on her
arrival at the Philippine port of Cebu. An
officer of the ship discovered the stowaways,
and reported the affair to the American
authorities, thus escaping a heavy fine for a
breach of the laws against the immigration
of Chinese into the Islands. The owners,
however, were called upon to enter into a
bond for \$70,000 to bring the stowaways
back to this port. We pointed out that the
Chamber of Commerce took the matter up
in the interest of the shipping firms and
wrote to the Government regarding the in-
adequate penalties of the present Ordinance,
and suggesting that it be amended empow-
ering the Magistrates to inflict a penalty
of one or two years' imprisonment with
hard labour in addition to the fine. The
Government, however, replied that their
opinion was that the law as it at present
stands was sufficient to meet ordinary cases,
and that the *Kaifong* case was exceptional
and apparently due to the lack of vigilance
displayed by the executive officers of the
steamer; but that under certain circum-
stances named it might be a matter for fur-
ther consideration whether any alteration of
the law was necessary. It is now most sat-
isfactory to find that the Government have
thought it necessary to draft an Ordinance
"to provide for the more effectual prevention
of frauds on owners and charterers of ships
by stowaways, their aiders and abettors." At
this afternoon's meeting of the Legisla-
tive Council, the Attorney General, the
Honourable Sir H. S. Berkeley, introduced
and read the Bill for the first time. "This
Ordinance," which, according to the ob-
jects and reasons, "is very drastic in its
provisions, is introduced, as a last resort,
in the hope that it will at once check and
finally put an end to the at present con-
stantly recurring cases of frauds on owners
and charterers of ships by stowaways, prin-
cipally between Hongkong and Manila.
The matter has been the subject of com-
munications to Government from several
quarters, among others from the Chamber
of Commerce. Various measures have been
taken to stop stowing away, but all hitherto
done has been insufficient to counteract the
exceptional temptations to introduce
Chinese into the Philippines." The
Attorney General proceeds to cite the case of
the *Kaifong*, and continues—

Under the law at present in force in Hong-
kong a fine of \$500 or, in default of payment
of the fine, six months' imprisonment with or
without hard labour may be inflicted on each
stowaway and his aider and abettor; but such
a penalty has proved wholly inadequate in face
of the large profits which are believed to
attend the successful smuggling of Chinese
into the Philippines, and in face of the fact
that the stowing away is, it is believed, con-
nived at and the profits shared in by members
of the Chinese crew, stevedores, and brokers,
and possibly sometimes by Europeans em-
ployed in or about the ship.

The fine imposed hitherto has always been
paid at once, and it seems reasonable to
think that there are persons connected with
the business, as aiders and abettors, who are able
and willing to pay occasional fines out of the
profits accruing.

When legislation in the direction now pro-
posed was suggested last year by the Chamber
of Commerce the Government were unwilling
to take the drastic measure suggested, and
properly refused to do so until satisfied that
the ship-owners had done all that they could
to protect themselves, by requiring the officers
of their ships to observe all reasonable pre-
cautions against stowing away.

It has now, however, become evident that
nothing short of the fear of imprisonment will
deter those hitherto engaged in this business
of "running" Chinese into the Philippines.
The Government have accordingly recon-
sidered the matter, and this Bill is introduced
as a consequence of such reconsideration.
If the Ordinance becomes law in its present
form stowaways and their aiders and abettors
will be liable to a penalty not exceed-
ing \$1,000 and a term of imprisonment,
with or without hard labour for a period not
exceeding nine calendar months. This
should go a long way towards relieving those
responsible for the conduct of affairs on
board ship from much of the annoyance and
additional labour entailed by always being
on the *qui vive* for undesirable passengers.

FAMINE IN KWANGSI.

At the Legislative Council meeting this
afternoon, Sir Henry Blake said he had
received a letter from the Bishop pointing
out that assistance was urgently needed on
account of a famine prevailing in Kwangsi.
On making further inquiry, he had ascertained
that there appeared to be a difference of
opinion regarding the situation, but the Con-
sul at Wuchow confirmed the Bishop's letter,
and he had recently learned that the people
were in a deplorable state and were selling
their wives and children. Such being the case
he determined to put the matter before the
people of Hongkong for relief subscriptions,
and asked the members of Council to be pre-
sent at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday next when
the Rev. Hess would attend, and in-

formation regarding the state of affairs
would be laid before the meeting. He was
sure the people of Hongkong, as hitherto,
would be ready to assist in charitable work.
This morning we received a visit from the
Rev. I. L. Hess, who is Chairman of the
Executive Committee of the Christian and
Missionary Alliance at Wuchow, and he
furnished us with many harrowing details of
the starving condition of the natives of
Kwei Ping, some 150 miles from Wuchow.
Those who have had an opportunity of trav-
elling in the district and of visiting the
homes, if homes they can be called, and
of seeing the famished-stricken peasants
realise how great and how pressing is the
need for help. Mr. Hess told us of some of
the heart-rending scenes which have come
under his own observation in Kwei-Ping.
One old woman, he says, over 80 years of
age, was found sitting on the city wall with
a bowl of rice by her side, and had evidently
died while in the act of eating. Men have
fallen and died waiting for their turn
to receive tickets entitling them to receive
food, which the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Fee and
the Rev. H. Zehr are distributing. Babies,
whose skeletons are left on the roadsides by
their mothers who have nothing wherewith
to feed them, while children are being sold
into slavery in order to obtain rice. Many
of the innocent creatures thus disposed
of are led into a life of sin and shame; it
is supposed that between 2,500 and 3,000 have
been sold out of the province—at least this
is the number conceded by officials. Such
details could be multiplied by those who
are continually on the spot, but enough
has been given to show the terrible privation
and suffering that is being experienced
to-day comparatively close to the port
of Wuchow. As we have pointed out in
previous issues, crops have continually failed
in that district on account of drought, and
as a result the inhabitants have torn up
stumps of trees and cut grass to prepare and
mix up with their rice. The Rev. and Mrs.
Fee and the Rev. Zehr are engaged distri-
buting food to hundreds of natives who are
dependent upon them for it, and some
\$2,000 have already been expended to al-
leviate the suffering; but a cry of want
is heard on every side. The Rev. Hess
has come to Hongkong for the purpose of
obtaining additional help and has called
upon the Governor in relation to the matter.
To-morrow a conference will be held at which
the most suitable means of raising funds
will be discussed. Hunger, with its terrors,
calls for prompt action and an appeal to the
foreign and native communities of Hong-
kong should meet with a liberal response.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SEVERAL interesting items are withheld till
to-morrow's issue.

THE Army estimates for Hongkong are printed
on page 3.

THE German Mail of the 18th March was de-
livered in London on the 18th inst.

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MAJOR-General Sir William Kelly, K.C.B., has
been appointed to succeed the late Sir Hector
Macdonald, as General Officer Commanding
the Troops in Ceylon.

DURING the visit of the Japanese Emperor to
Kobe, foreigners were requested to strictly
observe the Japanese national custom of not
looking down on the Imperial cortege from an
elevated position.

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ACCORDING to the report of the Japanese Con-
sul at Amoy, about seventy labourers have been
engaged in Fukien Province for a plantation in
Mexico. The batch of emigrants will be sent
to Hongkong first via Keelung, Formosa.

At a meeting of the Board of directors of
Messrs. Hall & Holt, Ltd., it was decided to
recommend that a final dividend of 2 per
cent. be paid to shareholders, making 20 per
cent. for the year ending the 28th February.

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stepping in. He always has something to
please you.—*Advt.*

THE P.M. Company's steamer *China* will, we
understand, be laid up at San Francisco, on her
next trip, for repairs. This is the first time she
has been overhauled for thirteen years. The
City of Peking will take her place for one trip.

ACTING Chief Inspector Baker charged three
natives this morning with attempting to set fire
to No. 205 Queen's Road West, and fraudulently
the Meiji Insurance Company of \$2,000. The
prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the case was
adjourned for a week, bail not being allowed.

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work is of the very best and thoroughly
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STRUCTURAL defects having, it is reported,
been found in the first of the five revenue
cruisers built in Japan for the Philippines as
soon as she arrived in Manila, the U.S. Govern-
ment has insisted on the reconstruction of the
other four in the yard of the Uraga Dock Co.

THE European and Chinese members of the
Daily Press office have presented Mr. A.
Cunningham with a silver centre piece and
ornaments, which were handed to him this morn-
ing by Mr. Hales, who succeeds Mr. Cun-
ningham in the management of the paper. Mr.
Cunningham leaves for England by the next
Japanese steamer.

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able. Yours very truly, C. E. LeMunyon.
No. 31 Des Voeux Road, P. O. Box 368. Tele-
phone 390.—*Advt.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was
held this afternoon in the Council Chamber.
There were present: His Excellency the
Governor (Sir H. A. Blake, G.C.M.G.),
His Excellency Major-General Sir W. J.
Gascoigne, K.C.M.G. (Officer Commanding
the Troops), Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.
(Colonial Secretary), Hon. Sir H. Spencer
Berkeley, K.B. (Attorney General), Hon. Dr.
J. M. Atkinson (Principal Civil Medical Officer),
Hon. Commander R. M. Rumsey, R.N.
(Harbour Master), Hon. A. M. Thomson,
(Colonial Treasurer), Hon. W. Chatham,
(Director of Public Works), Hon. Sir C. P. Carter, K.C.M.G.,
Hon. C. W. Dickson, Hon. G. S. Shaw,
Hon. G. H. Lewart, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai Hon,
Wei A Yuk and Mr. R. F. Johnson, (Acting
Clerk of Councils).

Dr. J. M. Atkinson took his seat for the first
time in place of Mr. F. H. May, and Mr.
Gershon Lewart was initiated as a member of
Council in place of the Hon. C. S. Sharp. The
usual oaths were administered.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

On the proposition of the Hon. May, seconded
by the Hon. Thomson, the Financial Minutes
were referred to the Finance Committee.

OFFICERS' REPORTS FOR 1902 WERE Laid ON THE

table as follows:—

Medical Officer of Health, the Sanitary Surveyor,
and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, Captain
superintendent of Police, Superintendent of
Victoria Gaol, Director of the Observatory, and
the Inspector of Schools. The Supreme Court
Returns, statement of Water Account, Financial
Returns, and returns of the Subordinate Court
for the same period were laid on the table
together with the report of the Examiners of
Queen's College.

BYE-LAWS.

The Hon. Dr. Atkinson introduced the bye-
laws for the regulation of the Public
Health and Building Ordinance, No. 1 of 1903
NEW TERRITORY LAND SETTLEMENT.

The Hon. Shewan asked the following ques-
tions of which he had given notice:—

1. Will the Colonial Secretary inform the
Council when the Land Settlement in the New
Territory was commenced, and when it is now
expected to be completed?

2. Will the Colonial Secretary give an
explanation of the delay in settling his matter,
almost four years having elapsed since the date
of the concession?

3. What is being done towards carrying out
the scheme for augmenting the water supply
by pumping from Tyam Tuk?

4. As the permanent works must occupy
some time to construct, are any steps being
taken, of a temporary nature, to afford an
increased supply, and if so, what?

The Hon. May replied to the first question:—
The Land Settlement of the New Terri-
tory commenced with the establishment of
the Land Court on 1st June, 1902. The
settlement will be completed when (a) all
Crown lands have been delimited and marked
off from land in private ownership, (b) all
genuine disputes as to the ownership of
land—whether existing before the Con-
vention, or originating with it—have been
decided, (c) a uniform system of land tenure
has been devised and put into working order,
(d) a rent roll based upon the maps is available
for revenue collection.

To the second question he replied:—The
rent roll will be ready this year and the Titles
Ordinance has been passed by the Council.
The survey and demarcation of the mainland is
completed. But the whole of the work of land
settlement will probably not be completed be-
fore 1906. The chief difficulties have been (a)
the enormous number of very small holdings
of which there must be over a quarter of a
million in the territory. This has necessitated
an elaborate scheme of demarcation, that is,
of marking out holdings which is only just com-
pleted. (b) The want of any system in dealing
with land under Chinese law. There was no
survey and the so-called Registry of the
District Magistrate is a registry of deeds and
not a land registry. (c) There were numer-
ous lawsuits pending in the Chinese courts,
which having languished for years through lack
of funds, shot up into activity with the enormous
increase of the value of land consequent upon
the Convention. Expropriation being out of
he question a patient sifting of the evidence
has been the only procedure open to the Land
Court.

In reply to the third and fourth questions,
the Hon. Chatham said:—Trial works are in
progress at the head of Tyam Bay for the
purpose of ascertaining the nature and level of
the solid bottom with a view to constructing
a storage reservoir there. The site tentatively
selected for the dam is at low water mark,
about 700 yards S. E. of Tyam Village.
Three brick wells are being sunk
which show the nature of the strata over-
lying the rock, and will permit of the rock itself
being examined. The wells are supplemented
by numerous borings, from which a chart of
the rock bottom can be prepared. The furthest
advanced well extends from twelve feet above
to 40 feet below low water, and it is believed to
be within six feet of the rock. It is only settling
about an inch per day at the present time,
although it weighs, together with a load on top
of it, 115 tons, and is kept undermined by con-
stant pumping and excavating. The external
load is already somewhat in the way of the
work, but steps are being taken to increase
it, as the best means of overcoming the retar-
ding friction due to the lateral pressure of
the surrounding earth. So far, indications are
not unfavourable to the ultimate adoption of
this site for the dam. A dam 600 feet in length,
on this site, with an overflow at a height of
60 feet above low water, would impound about
1,200,000,000 gallons, or about two and a half
times the aggregate capacity of all the present
storage reservoirs. It would intercept the rain-
fall from a direct catchment area of about 300
acres. This includes 700 acres the rainfall
of which is intercepted by the Tyam
Reservoir as long as it is not overflowing.
The available catchment area would be
very much increased by the inclusion and
extension of the present catchwater system.
The lower part of the Tyam Valley has been
minutely surveyed, and a chart has been
prepared, which is laid on the table, from which
the capacity of any proposed reservoir situated
anywhere between low water level and the
200 feet contour can be calculated. I mean
of this chart the line of a proposed road,
to connect the new reservoir with the Tyam
Reservoir, has been marked out, and a trace is
now being cut with a view to preparing work-
ing drawings from the construction of the road.
The rising mains from the pumps at Tyam
Tuk to the Tyam Tunnel will be laid along
this road. A contract has been entered into
for the supply of duplicate pumping engines,
each capable of delivering a 1,500,000 gallons
daily from the new reservoir into the Tyam
Tunnel. The construction of a new reservoir,
in the by-wash channel of Tyam Reservoir, was
commenced 15 months ago, and is now well
advanced. It will be partly available this
season, when completed it will hold about
30,000,000 gallons, and it may be filled more
than once a year. A small reservoir has been
commenced, in the bed of a perennial stream,

about half way between Tyam Tuk and the
Tyam Reservoir; a temporary pump will be
erected at this point, capable of delivering
500,000 gallons per day into the Tyam Tunnel.
Should the Tyam Reservoir cease to overflow
the 1st of September this year, the pump may
be depended upon to deliver about 100,000,000
gallons during the ensuing dry season. The
permanent pumping engines at Tyam Tuk
will afterwards be connected with this reservoir,
and will pump from it until the 1st of September
has been partly erected. A temporary main is
now being laid from the reservoir to the Tyam
Tunnel.

STOWAWAYS ORDINANCE.

The Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide
for the more effectual prevention of frauds on
owners and charterers of ships by stowaways,
their aiders and abettors, was read a first time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was
then held, the Hon. May presiding. The fol-
lowing recommendations from H.E. the Gov-
ernor were then considered.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

To vote a sum of \$4,500, in aid of the Harbour
Master's Department Vote—Steam-launches,
Other Charges—to provide for a new boiler for
the Government launch *Victoria*.

THE LAND COURT.

To vote a sum of \$1,500 in aid of the vote of
\$300 on "Personal Emoluments for member,
Land Court, New Territory."

BONUS FOR RATS.

To vote a sum of \$8,000 in aid of the vote of
\$2,000 "Bonus for Rats," Other Charges,
(Plague) Sanitary Department.

POST OFFICE.

To vote a sum of \$300 in aid of the vote for
Personal Emoluments, Post Office, made up
as follows:—

Salary of Deputy Superintendent,
Money Order Office, increased
from \$1,680 to \$1,800 per annum
as from the 1st January, 1903. \$ 120.00
Salary of Post Office Agent, Hankow,
Subsidiary (Agency in China),
increased from \$540 to \$700 per
annum as from the 1st January,
1903. \$ 160.00

Total... \$ 280.00

STAMP OFFICE.

To vote a sum of \$41 in aid of the vote for
Personal Emoluments, Stamp Office, Sub-
Department to Treasury, made up as fol-
lows:—

Salary of additional Shroff at \$480 per
annum from 1st April to 31st
December, 1903. \$360.00
Salary of additional Pressman at \$108
per annum from 1st April to 31st
December, 1903. \$81.00

Total... \$441.00

RIPON TERRACE NULLAH.

To vote a sum of \$2,400 (Public Works
Extraordinary) to meet the cost of training the
Nullah above Ripon Terrace.

EDUCATION.

To vote a sum of \$7,538.16 in aid of the vote
for Education, Personal Emoluments, made up
as follows:—

Hall salary of Master and Supervisor,
Saiyung School, from 25th Decem-
ber, 1902, to 31st January, 1903, and
full salary from 1st February to 31st
December, 1903, at \$470 per annum. \$3,342.16
Salary of Master and Supervisor,
Yau-mat School, at \$17 per annum,
from 1st March to 31st December,
1903. 2,880.00

Difference of salary for Master and
Supervisor, Wanchai School, between
\$1,800 in Estimates and \$180 p.p.
annum. 504.00

Difference of salary for Master,
Yau-mat School, between \$438 in
Estimates and rate of \$720 per annum
for 10 months. 192.00

Salary of Assistant Master, Yau-mat
School, for 10 months at \$120. 350.00

Salary of Teacher, Yau-mat School,
for 10 months at \$240 per annum. 200.00

Wages of Cook, Yau-mat School,
for 10 months at \$84 per annum. 720.00

Total... \$7,538.16

PILLAR BOXES.

To vote a sum of \$540 in aid of the vote for
Personal Emoluments, Post Office.

Salaries of men to clear pillar boxes
at \$120 per annum from 1st April to
31st December. \$540.00

GAOL DEPARTMENT.

To vote a sum of \$135 in aid of the vote under
Personal Emoluments, Gaol Department:—

House Allowance in lieu of Married
Quarters to Warden Singh at \$180 per an-
num from 1st April to 31st December,
1903. \$135

POLO CLUB GYMKHANA.

Ideal racing weather graced the first meeting
of the Polo Club Gymkhana, on the Race
Course at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon
and among those present were Major-General
Sir William Gascoigne, K.C.M.G., and Lady
Gascoigne. The first saddling bell was rung
punctually at 2 p.m. The following are the
brief results.

POLO PONY RACE: for bond-fide polo ponies.

To be passed as such by the Polo Committee;
up the straight; catch weights over 1st. 7bs.

riders to line up at the starting post with their
ponies turned away from the winning post and
on the fall of the flag to turn round and gallop
in. Entrance fee \$1.

Mr. Johnstone's Vanity, 11st. 7bs. (Mr. Johnstone) 1

Gedg's Punch, 11st. 7bs. (Mr. Gedg) 2

Kitchener's Nohah, 11st. 7bs. (Mr. Kitchener) 3

Capt. Thornhill's Banca, 11st. 7bs. (Capt. Thornhill) 4

Light's Go Lightly, 11st. 7bs. (Capt. Light) 5

Mr. Cruickshank's Belle Helene, 11st. 7bs. (Mr. Cruickshank) 6

ONE MILE RACE: For China Ponies.

Weight for inches as per Hongkong Jockey
Club Standard. Non winners at the February
1903 race meeting allowed 5bs. Winners at
that meeting 5bs. extra. Entrance fee \$3.

Mr. Mackie's Misfit, 10st 7lb (Mr. Clark) 1

E. Deacon's Manhattan, 10st 7lb (Mr. Morris) 2

Armstrong's Jigoku, 11st 5lb (Mr. Armstrong) 3

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

Canton Rice Shops Closed.

PROTEST AGAINST SAMSHU TAX.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, April 20th, 10.40 a.m.

All the rice shops in Canton closed their doors at noon yesterday as a protest against the new tax on samshu. Seven men have been arrested for non-payment of the tax, and everyone is very much opposed to the movement. Trouble is expected. At the time of writing the rice shops remain closed.

(Reuter's.)

The King's Tour.

LONDON, 17th April. The King received a great ovation on landing at Malta. He replied to various addresses by separate speeches and attended a State Opera in the evening.

President Loubet's Tour in Algiers.

President Loubet has gone to Ouan.

The Somaliland Expedition.

Reuter's Agency at Aden reports that on the 17th instant a despatch was received from Col. Manning stating that his column had engaged the enemy southwest of Galadi inflicting heavy losses and capturing immense quantities of life stock. British casualties, one killed.

The Albanian Insurrection.

An official despatch from Constantinople states that the Sultan's mission to pacify the Albanians was surrounded by several hundred Albanians and are practically prisoners. The Albanians absolutely decline to accept the Macedonian Reform Scheme.

Accident to "Shamrock III."

Shamrock III. has been caught in a squall off Weymouth and completely dismantled. Sir Thomas Lipton was knocked down the hatchway and bruised but not seriously hurt.

18th April.

One of the crew of the *Shamrock* was drowned and several injured. The King has telegraphed his sympathy to Sir Thomas Lipton.

British Railway Enterprise in China.

The Duke of Westminster has been informed that at the instance of the British authorities the Peking Syndicate and the British Chinese Corporation have concluded an agreement to work jointly all their railway concessions north of the Yangtze, thus terminating the prolonged rivalry which has hampered the Foreign Office from supporting British railway enterprise in China to the benefit of foreign competitors.

(N. G. D. News.)

Politics in Japan.

Tokio, 14th April. A split has occurred in the ranks of the Seiyunai, some eight members of the Diet having seceded, declaring that they are unable to continue rendering blind obedience to leaders who pursue a policy of endless waiting on events. They demand that all the officials of the party shall henceforth be elected by a general vote, and all grave questions be decided in a similar manner.

This plain revolt against the authority of Marquis Ito and the Moderates may involve an important re-casting of parties.

The Evacuation of Manchuria.

Tokio, 14th April. The Russian Representative at Peking has assured a Japanese correspondent that it has been resolved at St. Petersburg to evacuate Manchuria, but he warned him that any display of truculent impatience on the part of Japan will strengthen the hands of the War Party at St. Petersburg, and thereby compromise the situation. He added that the delay in the rendition of Newchwang is due to the sanitary problem.

(Shanghai Mercury.)

The Stranded "Victoria."

PROSPECTS GOOD.

Salvage operations have been commenced on the stranded steamer *Victoria*. The prospects of getting the vessel off now appear good. Divers are now at work on the damaged hull.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE OF MISS BLAKE.

The numerous friends of Miss Blake, both in the Colony and abroad, will have occasion to congratulate her upon her engagement with Capt. F. B. Arbuthnot, M.V.O., of the Scots Guards, and aide-de-camp to H. E. the Governor. We understand the marriage is to take place at an early date, and let us hope it will be in Hongkong where both the bride and her fiancé are so popular in social circles.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL SERVICE.

NEW STEAMERS.

It is stated that in the course of this year the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, will put a new type of twin-screw steamers in the Imperial German Mail service. The *Zieten* (due here shortly) is the first of the five steamers of this type, the four others being the *Roon*, the *Seydlitz*, the *Goltz* and the *Scharnhorst*. They are ships of about 7,000 tons gross register, and are able to carry 95 first-class passengers, 71 second-class, and up to 2,000 tween deck passengers.

These steamers are to replace the steamers of the *Stuttgart* type and also in the off-season the well-known *Leipzig* and *Prinzess Irene*. The last-mentioned two steamers are at present on the Mediterranean service of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, plying between Genoa, Naples, Gibraltar, and New York, but will again return to the Imperial German Mail line during the passenger season.

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FRENCH FLAGSHIP IN PORT.

At about three o'clock yesterday afternoon, the new French twin screw armoured cruiser *Montcalm*, carrying the flag of Vice-Admiral Marchal, entered the harbour from Saigon. The *Montcalm*, which has a very imposing appearance with her four funnels, two at the fore and two at the aft, and two huge military tops pierced with grim looking guns, was built at La Seyne in 1900. She is steel sheathed throughout and has a deck plating of 2". Her displacement is 9,517 tons, length 452 ft. 9 in., beam 63 ft. 8 in., and depth 27 ft. 3 in. Her indicated horse power is 19,600, and she is capable of accomplishing 21 knots. Her armament consists of 2.6 in., 8.6 in. Q.F., 4.3 in., 16.1 in., 6.1 in. She also carries two submerged torpedo tubes. Her complement is 612 men.

THE LILLIPUTIANS.

A matinee of *La Mascotte* was given at the City Hall on Saturday when a number of Hongkong's coming generation were very delighted with the piece. The enjoyment of the occasion, however, was marred by three youths selfishly disturbing the peace. Ice cream was served at the interval and, not contented with breaking a saucer, one of them used a piece of it as an aimless missile, which struck the forehead of a Portuguese youngster who howled dismally. *A Gaiety Girl* was staged on Saturday night and the clever little artists acted, danced and sang in the admirable style which has marked all their performances. Daphne Pollard, about "three coppers" high, acted the part of the "chaplaine" and in conjunction with Miss Ruby Roberts, the chaplain's daughter, was a great success. Master Fred Pollard's rendering from the pit of *Please go away and let me sleep*, to the acting of Master Edward MacNamara, as *Corporal Lane*, was repeatedly enjoyed; likewise, Master Willie Thomas' *Wicked* him. Miss Myrtle Trot proved to have a melodious voice in the rendering of *Tommy Atkins*, a popular song and greatly appreciated. Miss Myrtle Pollard acted an Irish jay very prettily. Nothing was more attractive than the seven young ladies who figured on the programme as "gaiety girls."

A Gaiety Girl will be repeated to-night. To-morrow night is positively the final performance of this season in Hongkong, when the success of the Manila season, *Poussie Cafe*, will be presented. The following is the cast:—*Mr. McCann*, (American millionaire), Master Oscar Heintz; *Dr. Arnold*, (theatrical agent), Miss Ivy Trot; *Lord Chumpley*, Miss Irene Goulding; *Karl Goggenheimer*, *Atte Flitzgibbe*, and *Welsheimer*, three dead beats, Master Jack Pollard, Miss Daphne Pollard and Miss Willie Thomas; *Maudie McCann*, Miss Alice Pollard; *Amazelle Zelaraine*, Miss Alice MacNamara; and *Alchemical Doll*, Miss Lillie Moore. Act II.—*Antony and Cleopatra*—*Antony*, Miss Oscar Heintz; *Prince Regal*, Miss Irene Goulding; *Dinky d d g*, Mr. Fred Bindliss; *Mike*, Miss Daphne Pollard; *Karl*, Master Jack Pollard; *Shinsky*, (yiddisher), Master Willie Thomas; *Cleopatra*, Miss Alice Pollard; and *Cleopatra*, Miss Irene Goulding. Act III.—*Same cast as first*—Act I, A Street in Paris; Act II, A Roman Wood; Act III, The Silver Glen. Introduced Numbers:—*Wally Venn* and *The Doll Song*, by Miss Lily Moore; *Under the Bamboo Tree*, and *Killarney*, by Fred Pollard; *The Kiss Kiss Sixtett Flirtation*—Spanish Dance, little Miss Myrtle Pollard; *Mr. Dooley*, by Miss Oscar Heintz; *The Tanteurine* (Ballet), *Rip Van Winkle* and *Lucky Man*, by Miss Ivy Trot.

THE EXCHANGE QUESTION IN HONGKONG.

Dealing with this question, the *Manchester Guardian* after quoting from the *North China Herald*, says:—"The difficulty seen by the Hongkong Committee in the way the proposed change was the proximity of the island to China. It was apparently that so long as China has a free silver currency Hongkong must remain on the same monetary basis or lose much of her trade as an emporium for China. We are not quite sure that this necessarily follows, though the introduction of the gold standard into Hongkong would be objectionable on the other grounds. India's export trade to China has undoubtedly suffered the consequence of the fall in the China exchange, but this, of course, necessitated higher prices in China for Indian exports or compelled the Indian producers to accept lower rupee prices. But there are reasons for thinking that the difficulty is proving temporary so far as this branch of Indian trade is concerned, and that adjustments are in progress. India's competitor in the yarn trade in the China markets, Japan, is also on the gold basis of value, and therefore as an exporter to silver-using countries such as China she is handicapped precisely as India is. On the other hand, Japan has the advantage of liberal imports of excellent raw cotton from China, cheapened by the fall of exchange, which has coincided with an abundant crop of indigenous cotton in China. Of course, under the circumstances, the raw cotton of China competes with Indian raw cotton in the Japan market, and thus hits the Indian cotton planter; but the falling off in the Japanese demand for the Indian staple at least tends to secure an abundant and cheap supply of the raw material for the Bombay and Bengal mills. It is therefore conceivable that Hongkong and Singapore might manage to carry on their trade, as India and Japan do, on a gold basis. The commercial and industrial interests of both places might, however, suffer seriously through a contraction of the currency and a stringent money market if gold were adopted, and the stability of both the Indian and Japan exchange might be endangered by the additional demand for the yellow metal. The Committee of the Hongkong Chamber arrived at a decision against the gold standard in 1901, and the Committee of the same Chamber is apparently of the same mind to-day. But the public generally in Hongkong—and, it is added, probably a majority of the members of the Chamber of Commerce—do not agree with the Committee's decision. The position, it is urged, is now much worse than it was in 1897; the evils of an unstable rate of exchange have been greatly intensified, and the fall in the gold value of investments in silver securities has been enormous, and is in itself—as we indicated by some quotations the other day—certainly a very serious consideration. The demonetisation of silver in Siam and the apprehension that a similar change will be made in the French settlements in Indo-China, it is urged, may involve a further fall in the exchange value of the white metal. Indeed, it is now suggested that the dollar exchange may actually fall below that of the rupee, a silver coin only about half the weight of the dollar. The official class in Hongkong may be expected to take the gold view of the matter. What is immediately desired by the advocates of a change is that the Government should extend to Hongkong the labours of the Commission appointed to inquire into the Straits currency system, with a view to any measure which may be ultimately recommended being simultaneously put into operation in Hongkong and the Straits Settlements. It seems, therefore, not improbable that

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considerable pressure may be put on the Government from Hongkong in favour of the adoption of a gold-ruled currency there and in the Straits Settlements, and the hope is that the lower silver falls the lower would probably be the ratio to gold adopted should any such measure of relief be finally determined on. The movement obviously and for various reasons deserves the attention of bankers and financiers generally.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, April 17th.

THE EXPLOSION.

It seems to be pretty certain that the number of deaths occasioned by the explosion is twenty-two. Four were killed outright and the others have died from the result of their injuries. At first it was reported that the explosion was caused to prevent the frauds occasioned by the sale and removal of powder being exposed. Now it is reported that the deputy who had charge of the magazine was on the ground and was killed by the explosion. However, it is not likely that any more light will be thrown upon the circumstances connected with this catastrophe. The damage to the houses in the neighbourhood is very considerable. Whole villages have been unroofed, doors and windows blown out, and walls badly damaged. The leper village situated half a mile from the magazine is badly wrecked. The new chapel of the Presbyterian Mission at the leper village had its windows blown out and the tile roof badly broken and the walls cracked. The officials are doing some little repairs in the villages, but in the majority of cases the amount of help given is so small that it practically amounts to nothing.

A SHOOTING AFFAIR.

A row occurred in the city a day or two ago between two of the new city police. Revolvers were freely used and one man killed and three or four others wounded. The Nam Hoi tried to cover up the affair by blaming a beggar for causing the row, but was promptly rebuked by his superiors.

THE POLICE WITH THE BAYONETS.

The number of police with bayonets patrolling the city is on the increase. These men are a respectable looking lot and a decided improvement over the old guards. These men keep moving along the streets and appear to be looking after their beats.

THE PLAGUE.

There is a considerable amount of plague in the city, and deaths are reported from many sections. The death rate in the city must have increased for the coffin shops are now very busy. In several villages east from Canton the plague has been very bad. In most instances the plague has been taken in these villages by some one from Canton, or Hongkong. In one village, near Shek Lung, 40 have died out of a population of two hundred.

REV. MR. WILLIAMS SERIOUSLY ILL.

The Rev. Mr. Williams, of the Southern Baptist Mission, was brought to the Canton Hospital on Wednesday night suffering from appendicitis. He was operated upon by Drs. Swan and Todd yesterday and is in a very critical condition.

Commercial.

FREIGHT.

In their freight market report, dated from Shanghai, 16th inst. Messrs. Wheelock & Co. state:—"The fortnight under review has been a busy one for our Homeyard Freight market, and cargo has been fairly plentiful both to Europe and America, the next boats to load on these berths should therefore receive good support."

Coastwise.—Since last writing rates have declined in various directions, and although there is not much spare tonnage offering for employment, the tendency is decidedly weaker whilst for monthly charter rates that were obtainable a month ago are now quite out of the question.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 73
" Bank Bills, on demand 17 9/16
" Credits, 4 months' sight 17 1/2
" Debits, 4 months' sight 1 8
ON BERLIN, (demand) M. 1.67
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 204
" Credits, 4 months' sight 208
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 392
" Credits, 30 days' sight 402
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 1212
" On demand 122
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 721
" Private to days' sight 721
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 701
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate \$12 17
Gold Leaf too touch, per tael 63.20
Bar Silver 23 1/6

OPUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
MALWA NEW @ 970/980
" LAST YEAR @ 1,000, 1,020
" OLDEST @ 1,070, 1,120
PATNA NEW @ 1,035
BENARES NEW @ 1,021
PERSIAN (PAPER) @ 700/750

To-day's Advertisements.

WANTED.

A PORTUGUESE CLERK for Coast-Port. Must have some experience in General Office Work. Knowledge of Typewriting and Book-keeping desirable. Fair Salary. Applications to "M.F." C/o Office of this Paper. Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [5022]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 27th day of April, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Macdonnell Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, commencing from the 25th day of March, 1901, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 Years.

No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
		N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Adjoining Island Lot No. 1,392.	65	100	30	60	3,328	\$ 218	

To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 27th day of April, 1903, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 21 Years.

No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
		N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Adjoining Island Lot No. 1,392.	65	100	30	60	3,328	\$ 218	

Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [5022]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on THURSDAY, the 23rd April, 1903, at 11 A.M., at their

SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street, 27 Cases MISTELA CLARETE; 51 Cases MISTELA BLANCA; 90 Cases PORT WINE; 10 Cases GIN; 5 Cases SHERRY; ALSO 10 Cases CHEESE.

N.B.—The above wines were chemically and hygienically examined by A. STANLEY, M.D., D.P.H., and were found of good and wholesome character with no evidence of fortification and are considered as first-class table wines.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [5002]

SANTA CASA DA MISERICORDIA OF MACAO.

NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified for public information that on the 29th instant, at three o'clock P.M., before the Board of the SANTA CASA DA MISERICORDIA OF MACAO, the adjudication will be proceeded with, by Public Tender, under sealed covers, of the LEASE of the BOA VISTA HOTEL-SANITARIUM for the period of Five Years and Two Months, commencing from the 1st May proximo to the end of June, 1908.

The Conditions of Tender are as follows:—

- Persons desirous of Tendering should deposit Five Hundred Dollars before the commencement of the proceedings as a guarantee of the bona fides of the tenderer, the deposit being forthwith returned to unsuccessful bidders at the conclusion of the proceedings.
- Tenders should be delivered under sealed covers to the Board following the opening of proceedings together with the deposit receipt.
- Any one not having made the deposit will not be permitted to bid neither will their tenders be accepted.
- The guarantee that the successful Tenderer should have to give for the fulfilment of his contract, immediately after the adjudication is made, will be one year's rental in money, or by Deposit Note for a like amount of any Bank, payable to the Order of the SANTA CASA, personal bond being unacceptable.
- The upset price for the lease is Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars per annum, that is, the equivalent of Three Hundred Dollars per month.

The clauses of the Agreement for Lease may be seen at the Office of the SANTA CASA where they can be examined by intending tenderers.

ALBINO ANTONIO PACHECO, Prov. Rior.

Board Room of the Santa Casa da Misericordia, Macao, 8th April, 1903. [4992]

NOTICE.

THE LEAL SENADO DA CAMARA OF MACAO, duly authorized, will receive Tenders for the supply of ELECTRIC POWER to be used in the Lighting of the Public Streets of the City of Macao, under the following Conditions:—

- The Tenders are to be forwarded, in sealed covers, addressed to the LEAL SENADO DA CAMARA, and delivered at the Secretary's Office of the same Department.
- The time allowed for the forwarding of the Tenders is within Six months from the date of this Notice.
- The Tenders are to state in Mexican dollar, of local currency, the following prices:—

- For each incandescent light of 16 candles, per month \$.....
- For each voltaic arc light of 500 candles, per month \$.....
- For each light of 16 candles, beyond the minimum number fixed in the agreement, per month \$.....
- For each voltaic arc light of 500 candles, beyond the minimum number fixed in the agreement, per month \$.....

With reference to the supply of electric power for private lighting and for the lighting of public and municipal buildings. For each hecto-watt-hour \$.....

IV. The other conditions of agreement for the concession are those that have been approved by superior authority and are open for perusal at Macao in the secretary's office of the Municipal Council, at Hongkong, Shanghai and Kobe (Japan) in the Consulates of Portugal, and in Lisbon in the secretary's office in the municipal council.

Copies of these conditions of agreement will be forwarded to the parties, who apply for them.

V. Any tender, unless accompanied by a deposit of \$500, will not be received.

VI. The tenders will be opened by the Leal Senado da Camara, in public meeting, on the 21st October, 1903, at 2 P.M.

VII. The Leal Senado da Camara reserves the right not to grant the concession if the tenders submitted are not found convenient.

PEDRO NOLASCO DA SILVA, President of Leal Senado da Camara. [5012]

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

Lessees and Proprietors {Mr. C. A. POLLARD, Mrs. N. CHESTER.

LAST TWO NIGHTS.

POLLARD'S LILLIPUTIAN OPERA COMPANY.

TO-NIGHT, The Ever Popular "A GAIETY GIRL."

TO-NIGHT, Fred Pollard will sing, "PLEASE GO WAY AND LET ME SLEEP."

TO-MORROW NIGHT, (TUESDAY), April 21st, Last Performance "POUSSE CAFE."

The Greatest American Burlesque of Weber and Field.

taged with enormous success by the Company in Manila. It is full of good music and plenty of comedy.

PLAN at ROBINSON.

Late Trams and Ferries. Prices as usual.

A. H. POLLARD, Manager.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [4222]

FOR CHEMULPO, DALNY and/or PORT ARTHUR.

Calling at SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"SULLBERG."

Captain Meyer, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [5002]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"MELPOMENE."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON on the 19th instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 25th instant, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 27th instant, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 27th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [10042]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. *Medoa*, and from Bordeaux, ex s.s. *Frederic Morel*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON on the 19th instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 25th instant, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 27th instant, or they will not be recognised.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [10042]

THE POPULAR SCOTCH IS "BLACK & WHITE"

JAMES BUCHANAN & CO. SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS. By Appointment to H.M. THE KING and H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

CAN BE OBTAINED FROM LANE CRAWFORD & CO. AND ALSO THE MUTUAL STORES, AND FIRST CLASS HOTELS AND CLUBS.

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Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LD.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL AND FOR CONTINENT.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PATROCLUS"	On 23rd April
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	On 30th April
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"HYSON"	On 6th May
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 18th May
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 25th May
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 1st June

S.S. "PATROCLUS" left Singapore 18th instant and is expected here 23rd instant.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
*LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES	"PINGSUEY"	On 21st April
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ABERDEEN	"DEUCALION"	On 28th April
*LIVERPOOL via GENOA	"JASON"	On 12th May
MARSEILLES and ANTWERP	"AGAMEMNON"	On 17th May
LONDON	"TANTALUS"	On 21st May
LONDON	"PATROCLUS"	On 26th May
*LIVERPOOL via GENOA	"CALCHAS"	On 9th June
S.S. "PINGSUEY" for Marcellies and Liverpool has arrived and leaves for Singapore at daylight, to-morrow.	"HYSON"	On 12th June

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"AJAX"	On 20th May

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"KALAN"	21st instant
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS., COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	21st "
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	22nd "
SHANGHAI	"PAOTING"	22nd "
SHANGHAI	"SINGAN"	23rd "
CEBU and LOILO	"KAIFONG"	25th "
KOBE	"TAIHAN"	30th "

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unvalued table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian Ports.

§ See Special Advertisement.

N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MALACCA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1903.

Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers
between Hongkong and Manila—Saloon amidships—Electric
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried—All the most up-to-
date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 25th April, at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 2nd May, at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	—	—

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1903

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, INLAND SEA OF
JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,

FOR

PORTLAND OREGON,

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	W. E. Craven	April 24, 1903.
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	May 14, "
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	R. P. Craven	June 14, "

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR FOCHOW*	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April.
FOR TAMSUI*	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 26th April.
FOR ANPING*	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 29th April.
FOR TAMSUI*	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 3rd May.

* Via SWATOW and AMOY.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried. All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mails, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's. Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

By the Co's steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage and further Information, apply at the Co's Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Vaux Road Central.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1903.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.HONGKONG-MANILA,
REDUCED SALOON PAS-
SAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$20. RETURN, \$35.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric Light. First Class Accommodation. Unvalued Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [35c]

WING ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.
THE Steamship"CHU KONG,"
Capt. Mason.
Departures from HONGKONG to MACAO,
Daily, at 8 A.M. SUNDAY, including.
Departures from MACAO to HONGKONG,
Daily, at 2 P.M. SUNDAY, including.
This Steamer is the fastest and has Superior
Cabin Accommodation.FARES:
1st Class.....\$2.00
2nd ".....1.00
3rd "......50
Further Particulars may be obtained at the
Office of the
WING ON STEAMSHIP CO.,
No. 42, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [87c]

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Splendid New Steel Twin Screw
Steamer"KWONG CHOW,"
1,474 Tons, Captain Walker, leaves HONG-
KONG for CANTON at 5.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS,
TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to
Hongkong the following days leaving
CANTON at 5 P.M. Unexcelled Accommodation
for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted
throughout by Electricity.
Passage Fare, 54 Single Journey.
Meals \$1 each.
The Company's Wharf is West of the Hong-
kong Harbour Master's Office.SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1903. [32c]FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR,"
Captain J. J. Olliff, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 25th inst.,
at Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1903. [493c]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

MANILA LINE.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled.
Unvalued Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship.	Captain.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
ROSETTA MARU	N. Tate	3,876	Wednesday, 22nd instant, at 11 A.M.
ROHILLA MARU	E. P. Bishop	3,869	Wednesday, 29th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1903. [177c]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship"HAITAN,"
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 21st instant,
at 3 P.M.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1903. [496c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY.STEAM FOR
FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).
Calling at SINGAPORE, RANGOON,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT
SAID.(Taking Cargo at through Rates to the BRAZILS,
to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA,
LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE,"
Captain Berberovich, will be despatched as
above on SATURDAY, the 2nd May, P.M.For Information as to Passage and Freight
apply toSANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents,
Prinze's Buildings.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1903. [328c]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
TO NEW YORK,
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,
1903."RICHMOND CASTLE," About 20th April.
"AFRIDI" " " 5th May.
"SAGAMI" " " 23rd May.
For Freight and further Information, apply toDODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1903. [159c]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"NANSANG,"
Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 21st instant, at Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [458c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY.STEAM TO
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND
KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"MELPOMENE,"
Captain Tessa, will leave for the above
places TO-MORROW, the 21st instant,
at Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents,
Prinze's Building.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [475c]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"CALEDONNIEN,"
Captain Marcantelli, will be despatched for the
above Ports on or about SUNDAY, the 19th
instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [1004d]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Japanese Mail Steamship

"YAWATA MARU,"
3,600 Tons, Captain A. E. Moses, will be de-
spatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the
24th instant, at 4 P.M.This Well-known Steamer is specially con-
structed for the service in the Tropics, and is
provided with superior accommodation and
with all modern fittings and improvements for
the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric
Light and Refrigerator. Doctor and Stewardess
carried.For Freight or Passage, apply to
A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [477c]

REGULAR SERVICE

BETWEEN HONGKONG AND
MANILA IN 48 HOURS.Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled.
Unvalued Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship.

Captain.

Tons.

Sailing Date.

ROSETTA MARU

N. Tate

3,876

Wednesday, 22nd instant, at 11 A.M.

ROHILLA MARU

E. P. Bishop

3,869

Wednesday, 29th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1903. [177c]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship"HAITAN,"
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 21st instant,
at 3 P.M.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1903. [496c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY.STEAM FOR
FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).
Calling at SINGAPORE, RANGOON,
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT
SAID.(Taking Cargo at through Rates to the BRAZILS,
to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA,
LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE,"
Captain Berberovich, will be despatched as
above on SATURDAY, the 2nd May, P.M.For Information as to Passage and Freight
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Agents,
Prinze's Buildings.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1903. [328c]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
TO NEW YORK,
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG,
1903."RICHMOND CASTLE," About 20th April.
"AFRIDI" " " 5th May.
"SAGAMI" " " 23rd May.
For Freight and further Information, apply toDODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1903. [159c]

Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, ADEN,
COLOMBO, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINA,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed at
their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.Optional Cargo will be discharged here, unless
notice to the contrary be given immediately.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be
sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before
Noon, on the 21st instant, or they will not be
recognized.No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns, after the 21st
instant, will be subject to rent.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [451c]

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "LOTHIAN,"
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND
STRAITS.CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,
TO-DAY, the 15th instant.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 22nd instant will be
subject to rent.All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th
instant, or they will not be recognized.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 22nd instant, at 2 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [476c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"FRANZ FERDINAND,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence
delivery may be obtained.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 10 A.M.,
TO-DAY.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 23rd instant will be
subject to rent.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on THURSDAY, the 23rd instant,
at 9.30 A.M.All Claims must reach us before the 27th
instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [315c]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

"COPTIC,"
are hereby notified that their Goods are at
their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or
landed into our Godowns Nos. 1 and 2,
Kennedy Town, (Marine Lot 243), and delivery
may be had either from Lighters or from our
Godowns upon countersignature of Bills of
Lading.Goods remaining unclaimed after the 22nd
instant will be subject to rent.All Claims must be sent in to me on or
before the 22nd instant or they will not be
recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

E. W. TILDEN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1903. [177c]

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

"MARBURG,"
Captain Stern, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their goods from
alongside.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given

SALE
OF
MUSLINS.

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